

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the heading before paragraph [0001] with the following amended heading as follows:

~~Technical Area~~ BACKGROUND

Please add the following new paragraph before paragraph [0001]:
[0000.1] The present invention relates to an ironing board.

Please delete the heading before paragraph [0002] as follows:
~~Background Information~~

Please replace the heading before paragraph [0004] with the following amended heading as follows:

~~Illustration of the Invention~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:
[0004] ~~The~~ An object of the present invention is to provide an ironing board having a heat-resistant ironing board cover and elastic padding in such a way that ~~said~~ the parts remain in a predefined position with respect to one another so that undesirable folds are not formed and the replacement of the individual parts is possible.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:
[0005] ~~This object is achieved according to the~~ The present invention by provides an ironing board having a heat-resistant ironing board cover placeable thereon including an elastic padding in that the ironing board has an edge standing out over its surface and holding the padding in an unshiftable manner. The padding is held in an unshiftable manner by the edge. The ironing board cover may be placed on the padding and attached to the ironing board using fastening elements known per se. However, the padding is preferably directly bonded to the ironing board cover by a lamination process, either by gluing or via other options.

Please replace the heading before paragraph [0010] with the following amended heading

as follows:

~~Brief Description of the Drawing~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] The appended ~~drawing describes~~ drawings describe the present invention in more detail on the basis of two exemplary embodiments.

Please replace the heading before paragraph [0015] with the following amended heading as follows:

~~Detailed Description of the Exemplary Embodiments~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] Figure 3 shows the portion of an edge 14 partially sectioned; it is designed as a separate element and may be installed on an ironing board having a corresponding contour. It is advantageous if edge 14 is provided with a peripheral section 15 corresponding to the contour of ironing board 11 and enclosing edge 8 of ironing board 11. The design of edge 14 is otherwise comparable with edge 4 illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. Edge 14 and ironing board 11 are manufactured separately and edge 14 is form-fittingly pushed onto ironing board 11 as shown in Figure 4. After attaching edge 14 to ironing board 11, a padding 3 having ironing board cover 2 as described for Figures 1 and 2 may be installed on ironing board + 11.